

any of its various surfaces, open interior 120 and/or any of its openings such as 114, 116, 118, for example, can be coated with, or contain bone growth promoting materials, including but not limited to, bone, bone morphogenetic proteins, hydroxyapatite, genes coding for the production of bone, or any other material that intrinsically participates in the growth of bone from one of the adjacent vertebral bodies to the other of the adjacent vertebral bodies at the fusion site. Implant 100 may also be combined with a chemical substance to inhibit scar formation –

REMARKS

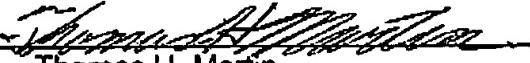
Applicant amended the specification to provide antecedent basis for the subject matter of originally filed claims 25, 43, 61, 80, 99, and 118. No new matter has been added. Entry and consideration of this Amendment prior to the examination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account 50-1066.

Respectfully submitted,

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